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1. DOD HAS A PRIORITY NEED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING SOVIET TACTICAL NUCLEAR FORCES IN THE FORWARD AREAS. THIS NEED IS PARTICULARLY ACUTE IN THE EAST EUROPEAN AREA BECAUSE OF THE THREAT POSED TO U.S. AND NATO FORCES.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETECT, IDENTIFY AND FOLLOW MAJOR FIXED NUCLEAR STORAGE SITES, OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS WITH THOSE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS AND FORCES SUCH AS FIGHTER UNITS AND SCUD BRIGADES DEPLOYED IN FORWARD AREAS. WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR MODE OF OPERATION, MEANS FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT (PARTICULARLY WARHEADS), AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THEIR OPERATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES. PROCEDURES, AND AREAS.

3. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF COULD REVIEW THEIR HOLDINGS AND REPORT BACK TO NPIC ON ANY RELATED ACTIVITIES OR SUSPECT AREAS AGAINST WHICH FOLLOW-UP COLLECTION COULD BE DIRECTED. MOREOVER, IF THERE ARE SPECIAL REPORTS OF ANALYSES RELATING TO THIS PROBLEM, REQUEST THEY BE FORWARDED FOR OUR REVIEW. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO SEEK CAREFUL, EXPERT PI SUPPORT IN TRYING TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT TACTICAL WEAPON SYSTEMS AND FORCES THAT ARE PROBABLY DISCRETELY DISPERSED AND DEPLOYED IN WOODED AREAS OR OTHER SECTIONS NOT READILY SUSCEPTIBLE TO OBSERVATION.

4. ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

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